

Shelby Skumanich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Interlocken meeting space on Wednesday, February 8th.

Officers

The new and returning board members were introduced:

- President: Shelby Skumanich
- Vice President: Christine Perrigo
- Treasurer: Michelle Davis
- Web Coordinator: Jonna Gjevve

Membership

Yearly membership dues of \$35 are due as of January 31. If you have not yet paid your dues for this year please go to our website and fill out the [Membership Form](#) and you can either pay via the PayPal link on our site, or get a check or cash to our treasurer.

CQC Membership

The motion was made and approved for the guild to join the [Colorado Quilting Council](#) (CQC). This will hopefully provide more resources to the guild leading up to our show this fall at the [Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum](#). It will also let us provide more information to our members regarding regional classes and other offerings around the state.

Treasurer's Report

Currently we have \$2060.46 in our bank account. Our obligation to the national [Modern Quilt Guild](#) has already been paid (\$850 based on our membership from last October). We currently have 35 members that have paid their dues for 2017 so far.

Committees

- **Location:** The location committee has met and would like to have quarterly sew days in each of the four relative quadrants of our metro area. Each sew day would be hosted by a member in that area. For business meetings we are looking at a possible schedule that would for the rest of the year have every other meeting at [Fancy Tiger Crafts](#), and another location. If you have any ideas for a good location to host meetings or sew days please let the board know.
- **Education/Programs:** We are still looking for a committee chair to head up this committee. If you are interested please let any of the board members know.
- **Outreach:** The motion was made and an informal vote passed to eliminate this committee in favor of an option to create ad-hoc committees for each project as necessary. Please look for the changes that will need to be made in our bylaws to make this one official. (See below)
- **Hospitality:** Denise VonMinden has stepped up to host our hospitality committee; please contact her if you would like to help out.
- *How New is Modern?* Quilt Show (Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum)
 - If you are planning on having a quilt in the show please make sure that you have filled out the [Commitment Form](#) on the website.

- Catalog Book options were presented by Kari Vojtechovsky and included both a print-on-demand option and a local print shop option. Much of the discussion was around how much risk the guild is willing to take in order to produce a high-quality catalog book of all of the quilts featured in the show. Also noteworthy is the willingness of our guild members with the appropriate professional skills to produce this book. Please look for more discussion finalizing these plans in the next few months.
- Photography of each quilt was discussed, and the plans include outdoor photos of the quilts in various places that showcase the quilts and our scenic Colorado landscapes. Plans for how each quilt will be photographed, as well as a more generic program on quilt photography will be provided at the June meeting.
- Bees
 - Susan Santistevan discussed the concept of the roaming bee. Look for a new page to be coming to the website containing this information and pictures, as well as when they expect to be completed and open sign ups.
 - Emily Smith discussed the Brave bee and some of the challenges that we have faced with this bee. Look for more information coming to the website on this be and any of the proposed changes that may be in the pipeline.

General Guild-wide Communication

In an effort to increase transparency and cultivate more of a virtual community we would like to ensure that all members know of all of the methods of communication that we will utilize.

- Slack is a free collaboration tool that allows for a chat room discussion as well as a great medium to discuss projects and share files and pictures from multiple platforms.
- We have set up a guild-wide [Slack Channel](#) with the availability of setting up private spaces for each committee. All members will be invited to join this channel, so look for a separate invite in your inbox soon.
- We will present a short tutorial on how to use it at the March meeting. If you want to install the app before the meeting it may be helpful.
- Social Media
 - Facebook : Jonna Gjevre, our web coordinator, will be maintaining our [Facebook](#) page. Be sure to check Facebook for any last-minute meeting plan updates.
 - Instagram : Stephanie Ruyle has agreed to take over the guild [Instagram](#) account (@denvermetromqg) and wants to use it to help promote the guild and all of its members.
- Board Meetings
 - In order to facilitate effective monthly board meetings we are looking to go to a digital online format. To facilitate this we will be using the GoToMeeting service; this comes with a \$12 dollar a year fee.
 - We are going to standardize the date and time for all board meetings. Right now we are shooting for the 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7pm. If this changes we will notify all guild members.
 - All guild members are invited to attend these board meetings if they would like. Look for details to access this meeting once we have it configured and set up.
- Board Email Accounts through Google
 - Proposed accounts are intended to be a little more official
 - \$5 a month/account (we are looking into Google non-profit pricing)
- Emails
 - Reminders for business meetings including an agenda will go out the Wednesday before each business meeting.

- Follow-up Email including meeting minutes will go out on by the following Wednesday after each business meeting.
- PO Box - The guild will look into using a PO box for correspondence

Bylaws

We are working on updating the bylaws of the guild to better reflect how our guild is actually operating, including the above mentioned changes to the outreach committee. Julie Elliot has volunteered to help us in this effort. Be looking for an updated version coming out soon so that they can be voted on in March. If you see anything in the bylaws that you believe needs to be addressed, please bring it to the attention of a board member.

Programming

Programming for the year will have a renewed focus on skill sharing. If there is something you would like to share or are interested in learning please let us know.

- - February: House cleaning & new board
- - March 8th: Focus will be on quilt finishing (sleeves, bindings, blocking, etc.) at [Fancy Tiger Crafts](#) (If you are interested in sharing one of these techniques please contact Shelby Skumanich)
- - April 12th: *How New is Modern?* quilt show quilt Drop Off and show and tell at Fancy Tiger Crafts
- - May 10th: Focus will be on writing Artist Statements, presented by Lauren Lang. Location TBA
- - June 14th: Quilt Photography Demo, presented by Shelby Skumanich at Fancy Tiger Crafts

Announcements

- - Bill Kerr will be [hosted by Quaking Aspens](#) in Boulder February 16th. Contact Marsha Loewenberg for further details
- - The national MQG has shared our charity quilt on their Instagram and Facebook last week
 - Emily Smith and Stephanie Ruyle have been featured on [QNNTV](#)
- - [QuiltCon](#) is coming up in a few weeks, and several members are planning on going. Several have quilts in the show. If you are going please make sure to share some of your experiences with the rest of us.
 - March and April meetings will be at [Fancy Tiger Crafts](#)
 - [Moda Bella Challenge](#) is currently underway--it ends September 12th
 - Karen McTavish will be at the [Longmont Quilt Guild](#) doing a lecture on April 11 and will be teaching five classes around the same time
 - Lauren Lang has an article in [Love of Quilting Magazine](#) and in the release of [Quilty](#)
 - Shelby Skumanich has a quilt hanging in the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum's [Evolutions](#) Show. The show is in the new gallery.

- Make Modern is featuring Wendy Bermingham's quilt

Show and Tell/ Peer Review

- How to make this more structured and educational
- Make 30-45 minutes of the meeting about peer review (vote)
- Talking about specific topics, asking questions

Additional Discussion

[Fabricate](#) in Boulder offers a 10% discount to guild members paying in cash

[Blakeman Sewing and Vacuum](#) in Boulder offers \$80/sewing machine repair per machine if 15 people sign up. They will come to our location.

New/visitors: Debra, Kay Tanner, Rebecca, Michelle Barry